

Information of Slovak Republic on legislative and administrative measures taken in order to implement the CWC provisions.

Based on the Slovak Government Decision No. 117 of February 16, 1993, Slovak Preparatory Commission was designated as the special body as of February 28, 1994. The Commission secured the implementation of CWC provision being shaped in form of temporary, inter-ministerial, co-ordinative and consultative body of the Slovak Government. It had simultaneously been fulfilling the function of the national point of contact for liaison with PrepCom OPCW and the other States Parties until April 30, 1997.

In accordance with proposed principles of law on the ban of chemical weapons which has been approved by Government of Slovak Republic the Ministry of Economy started to gradually built up a new department designed to supervise the ban on chemical weapons. This department is progressively being complemented with personnel and equipment.

In accordance with legislative procedures of Slovak Republic the law on the ban of chemical weapons is now under preparation. Having been approved in Legislative Council of the Government the law was passed to the Government. The law will be submitted to the National Council of Slovak Republic. In our assumption the law will enter into force on April 1st, 1998.

By the Slovak Government's Decision No. 309/1997 the Ministry of Economy was appointed as the National Authority in accordance with CWC Article 7. par 4. Department for control of the ban on chemical weapons has been appointed as an executive body of the Ministry of Economy and is in charge of fulfilling the tasks of the Slovak National Authority. Contemporarily the department is responsible for carrying out all obligations of the Slovak Republic stemming from CWC. As to October 31, 1997 the department consists of 7 personnel thus being subject to further completion in personnel and material terms.

The implementation of the CWC into the legal system of Slovak Republic started by its publication in the Digest of Law from October 22, 1997 under No.: 276 / 1997.

Next step on the way to CWC implementation into the legal system of Slovak Republic will be the passing of law on the ban of chemical weapons which extends the Slovak penal legislation coverage to every activity prohibited by CWC.

In order to control the transfer of CWC Schedule 1, 2 and 3 chemicals the Decree No.: 23/1994 of the Ministry of Economy was amended. Thus the CWC Schedule 1, 2 and 3 chemicals became part of Control Regime.

The transfer of CWC Schedule 1, 2 and 3 chemicals is only possible if a licence is granted. Department for licensing and registration of the Ministry of Economy in cooperation with the Department for control on the ban of chemical weapons are responsible for issuing the licences.